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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ICCS: MISSING CANADIANS

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1. TWO CANADIAN CAPTAINS WITH VIETNAMESE DRIVER AND TRANSLATOR WHO LEFT ICCS XUAN LOC SITE JUNE 28 ON JEEP TRIP INTO COUNTRYSIDE HAVE NOW BEEN MISSING ONE WEEK. THOUGH CANDEL HAS NO CONFIRMED REPORTS OF THEIR SIGHTING SINCE JULY 1, ALL CHIP DELS ARE GUARDEDLY OPTIMISTIC THE MISSING MEN ARE STILL ALIVE.

2. PRG HAS CONSISTENTLY REFUSED TO CONFIRM THAT ITS FORCES ARE ACTUALLY HOLDING THE MEN. IN THE FACE OF CANDEL UNCOMPROMISING POSITION (REFTEL) AND PERHAPS ON ADVICE FROM HUNGDEL/POLDEL, PRG APPEARS TO HAVE REDUCED ITS CONDITIONS FOR COOPERATION DURING
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LATEST MEETINGS JULY 4 TO SINGLE DEMAND FOR COMPLETE SECURITY GUARANTEES FROM GVN. PRG WOULD STILL LIKE TO KEEP ENTIRE

INCIDENT CONFINED TO NEGOTIATIONS WITH CANDEL, BUT CANDEL HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN ENLISTING SUPPORT OF OTHER CHIP DELS, PARTICULARLY HUNGDEL, THIS MONTH'S ICCS CHAIRMAN, TO FORCE PRG TO DEAL WITH ICCS.

3. CANDEL AND HUNGDEL REPS TELL US THAT AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE HAS BEEN REACHED ON A SEARCH PARTY TO INCLUDE TPJMC PERSONNEL AND ICCS OR, AT LEAST, CANDEL/HUNGDEL REPS, AND THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOW UNDERWAY WITH BOTH TPJMC PARTIES REGARDING NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS AND SAFETY GUARANTEES. WE WILL BE TALKING AGAIN WITH CANDEL REPS TO OBTAIN THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF HOW SEARCH PARTY WILL OPERATE AND WHETHER THIS IS SEEN AS FACE SAVING SOLUTION TO PROBLEM.
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